

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 7, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In operation a railroad vehicle travels along the rail 12. Initially a rail wheel of the railroad vehicle passes over the pump actuator 24 thereby activating the pump 28. The pump 28 provides friction modifying material from the reservoir 30 to the applicator bar 26. Alternatively, the previously described arrangement 25 can be provided in lieu of the pump actuator 24. Specifically, the friction modifying material passes through the inlet 46 into the manifold 48 and is distributed along the length of the applicator bar 26. The friction modifying material then passes between the front blade 56 and distribution blade 60 through the flow passageway F and exits through the exit E directed to the rail head 20. The rail head 20, D-shaped seal 62, and inner seal 54 define the reservoir R of friction modifying material that is contained on the upper surface SU of the crown CR, and terminates at the crown CR of the rail head 20. As the rail wheels then pass over the portion of the rail head 20 that is adjacent to the applicator bar 26, the friction modifying material, which is directed to the upper surface SU through exit E, then contacts the rail wheel, typically near the crown CR of the rail head 20. When using the arrangement 25, the friction modifying material can be supplied to a varying number of wheels or all of the wheels. --